

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] In the presently preferred embodiment, the standalone point of use water purification device is a pitcher-type water purifier having a handle and pouring spout, the water outlet is located to the top and one side of the cartridge, and an alignment tab carried by the cartridge seats it with its water outlet located to the side of the pitcher away from its pouring spout to prevent spillage of water from the cartridge when the pitcher is dispensing water. A quick-release finger enables easy ~~removable removal~~ of the cartridge from the pitcher-type water purifier.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Ion exchange and activated carbon filter media, not shown, is poured into the bottom housing module 34 so as to substantially fill the cup-shaped base member 50 thereof. After the bottom housing module 34 has been filled with flowthrough filter media, it is covered by pressing the tube 48 downwardly into the contained filter media, filling the tube 48, until the lid 36 is seated into a groove generally designated 72 provided about the top of the base member 50. The lid 36 is then ultrasonically welded to the groove 72 joining the top and bottom housing ~~module~~ modules 32, 34 in water-tight sealing relation.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] Referring now to FIGURE 4, generally designated at 80 is a longitudinal sectional view along the midsection of the filter cartridge useful in explaining its operation. Water to be treated flows through water inlets 40 of the dome 38 of the top housing module 32 into a first passageway containing flowthrough filter media generally designated 82 provided by the inside cylindrical wall of the tube 48 through which the water moves along a first, generally downward direction by action of gravity as [[a]] schematically illustrated by arrow 84, and then flows through an annular second passageway containing flowthrough filter media generally designated 86 in fluid communication with the first passageway that is provided by the inside, generally cylindrical wall 58 of the base member 50 of the bottom housing module 34 and the generally cylindrical outside wall of the tube 48, through which the water moves along a second, generally upward direction as schematically illustrated by arrows 88. As the water in the second passageway spills over the spillover wall 60 of the base member 50, it passes though the conduit 62 and out the outlet slots of the bottom housing module 34 as schematically illustrated by arrow 90.